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Application No. Applicant(s) 10/698,046 LANDRY ET AL. Interview Summary Examiner Art Unit Jerry Cumberledge 3733 All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel): (1) Jerry Cumberledge. (3)Eduardo Robert. (2) Michael Woods. (4) Date of Interview: 13 July 2007. Type: a) ✓ Telephonic b) ✓ Video Conference c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No. If Yes, brief description: ___ Claim(s) discussed: Proposed claims 71-91. Identification of prior art discussed: Roger (US Pat. 6,592,587 B1); Benzel et al. (US Pat. 5,713,900). Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) \square N/A. Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet. (A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.) THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The Examiner indicated that the newly proposed claims would most likely overcome the Roger reference. The Benzel et al. reference would most likely still read on claims 71-91. It was discussed that further amending the claims to require that the guide engages the head of the screw in a way that causes rotation between the two components to stop and the guide has a portion that remains extended from the screw head and outside of the screw when the components are engaged would most likely overcome Benzel et al. reference. Further search and/or consideration will be required by the Examiner.

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